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The Honorable Kenneth M. Karas United States District Judge Southern District of New York Hon. Charles L. Brieant Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse 300 Quarropas Street White Plains, New York 10601

United States v. Kodjo Kondon, 17 Cr. 566 (KMK)

Dear Judge Karas:

Although the parties appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Andrew E. Krause today, August 23, 2024, for a change of plea hearing, the defendant declined to move forward with the plea offered. The parties continue to discuss a potential resolution short of trial. Accordingly, the Government respectfully requests that the Court set a further status conference on or after September 9, 2024, and exclude time from today until the next status conference pursuant to Title 18, U.S.C. Section 3161(h)(7)(A).

The Court will hold a status conference on 9/ 17 /24, at 1 .00 Time is excluded until then, in the interests of justice, to all the Parties to continue their discussions toward a resolution of this case. The interests of justice from this exclusion outweigh the public's and Defendant's interests in a speedy trial. See 18 U.S.C. Section 3161(h)(7)(A).

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